The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

SEPTEMBER 9, 188 A FINANCIAL SUGGESTION.

ABOUT three and a half years ago school district No. One in this city strained its financial back by the issuance of a large number of bonds to build the fine school on Court street which is a splendid advertisement of the place and an ornament to the city. These bonds are drawing eight per cent. interest. They represent today about \$30,000 that the district owes, and are payable in July, 1893.

THE ASTORIAN suggests that this district debt be re-funded. It would be in the line of economy to have the debt legalized in due form by the legislature, and a re-issue made of bonds to the amount of the debt, drawing say six per cent. interest or, possibly, five. This would effect an annual saving of \$600 at 6 per cent., or \$900 at 5 per cent., and if necessary or feasible, the time of maturity could be extended.

We believe that an arrangement of this kind could readily be made, that the holders of the bonds would surrender them and receive in lieu, other bonds at a considerably lower rate of interest, and we suggest that such action be taken.

Where the faith of a city or a school district is pledged as security; where the amount is comparatively large, and the time of payment comparatively remote, it is not financially wise to pay what is, really, a high rate of interest. Money is plentier and easier and four and five per cent. investments are in such cases sought. Six per cent, is certainly good interest on such investment as school bonds, and it seems to us that the example of the city, which has just refunded \$22,000 debt at a reduction of from ten per cent. to six per cent. per annum interest charge, is a good example to follow.

MANY readers will call to mind the red sunsets of two or three years ago, and that these were accounted for by many persons upon the supposition that the upper air was filled with fine dust from the eruption of Krakatau, in Java. This eruption occurred in the month of August, 1883. Whether it was the cause of the red glow in our sky or not, we may never be able to know positively. But the distance to which the sound of that explosion was heard has been found to have been remarkable. That same was heard at that great distance. "Mr. Van Hasselt was eager to learn what news we could give of the civi lized world. We had little enough to tell, with the exception of the eruption of Krakatau. o Of the appalling amount of destruchad caused we were unaware, but we gave him the few particulars which had reached Gorontalo. He at once told us, greatly to our astonishment, that the noise of the explosions had been audible at Dorei, and, going into the next room brought his diary, in which, under date of August 27th, an entry had been made to the effect that sounds as of distant cannonading, which they had imagined to proceed from a volcanic eruption had been heard that day. The natives, we were told, had also noticed it on the previous daywhen, in fact, the outburst was at its height. By the missionaries, the volcano at Ternate or in some part of the Moluccas was supposed to be in ac tion. It enables one partially to realize the terrific nature of the eruption when the map shows Dorei to be dis

IT is said that the American Magazine has been bought by Col-Forbes of the Singer Sewing Machine company, for the benefit of a numbe of authors who propose to pay for their stock in writing for its pages. For many years certain authors, or writers, have talked much in public and in private about the advantages to them and to the reading word at large, if they could only get possess ion of a magazine and conduct it on an author's rather than an editor's plan. Now is their opportunity to show what there is in the idea. The experiment is an interesting one.

and ten miles from Krakatau."

In an address recently delivered a Boston, Edward Atkinson, the wellknown economist, spoke of "a great piece of the south-the middle moun tain section-bigger than Great Brit ain and Ireland together," where "they have hardly enough to est, drink and wear, because there is little or no capital there to help them. The population that exists in this unprogressive condition Mr. Atkinson

estimates as between 2,000,000 and FROM EUROPE AND THE EAST. 3,000,000.

Mr. ALGERNON SWINEURNE, English poet, doesn't like Mr. Walter Whitman, American poet. Of Mr. Whitman as poet, Mr. Swinburne as critic, thus daintily indites:

Mr. Whitman's Eve is a drunken apple woman, indecently sprawling in the slush and garbage of the gutter, amid the rotten refuse of her overturned fruit stall; but Mr. Whitman's Venus is a Hottentot wench under the influence of cantharides and adulterated rum.

THE Journal'states that there were shipped from Boston, week before last, one hundred tons of binder cost nearly \$10,000.

HENRY VILLARD, solus: "For time treasures up a wrong !"

The Cascade Tunnel,

Nelson Bennett says that last month on the west end of the Cas-cade tunnel his workmen made 217 feet through a wall plate in the tun-nel. Mr. Bennett claims this is the best record of tunnelling ever made in America under similar circum-stances. By a wall plate means a place where the ground is so bad that timbering has to be constructed on the top of the first bench immediately in the heading and at the active. in the heading and at the extreme face of the tunnel. Workmen, there-fore, have to do all their shooting and heavy blasting under these timbers without knocking down the timber work. The east end is doing equally as well-now, although they were delayed some last month. The tunnel is now bored about 6,000 feet, and Mr. Bennett expects to finish it by June of 1888.—Tacoma Ledger.

U. S. Officials Sold.

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—It is learned that the British saling schoon er W. P. Sayward, which was cap tured by the Rush in Behring sea was on her way to Sitka, in charge of two United States officials, the sailing schooner Onward, Capt. Nelson, came alongside her in the night, while the officials were asleep, and the arms and ammunitions of the Sayward were transferred to the Onward, which then got safely away.

Powderly's Answer.

DETROIT, Sept. 7.—John Devlin, U. S. consul at Windsor, a prominent Knight of Labor, recently wrote General Master Workman Powderly, calling attention to criticisms which have been so freely made upon his policy as official head of the order, and asking certain questions concerning the same. In reply Powderly declares that he is not a socialists. He says he owes allegiance to the Knights of year the English yacht Marchesa was cruising in the Malay archipelago as far east as New Guinea. Mr. Guillemard, who wrote the journal of that cruise, relates an interview with a Dutch missionary in this latter island, from which it appears that the sound was heard at that great distance.

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great extent of damage sustained from it. A vessel whose name was unknown was wrecked back of Langely Island, near Pierre, and as no trace of her crew has yet been found it is feared all must have met with a watery grave. Several large vessels went ashore on Dog Island, near St. Pierre, and in many cases became total wrecks. One hundred thousand dollars will not cover the extent of twine, filling nine railroad cars, for the damage to property sustained by use on the famous Dalrymple farm New Foundland vessels that that were on the banks during the storm. in Dakota, during the coming har were on the banks during the storm.

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Many vessels arriving have even sadder records to tell of those who went in the morning had no chance to return but were swallowed up in the pitiless storm or were driven to sea to drown. There are as many as five at last makes all things even; and banking schooners missing from Buat last makes all things even; and never yet was human power that could evade, if unforgiven, the patient search and vigil long of him that

MADE THEIR ESCAPE. SIOUX FALLS, Dak., Sept. 8.—Two prisoners escaped from the United States wing of the territorial prison here last evening, Henry Es-mond, in for mail robbers, and Ed Powers, in for murder. The latter was a soldier from Fort Mead. They threw a blanket over the head of the deputy warden who came to lock them up, gagged and bound him, and left with a \$30 and a \$20 Winchester

CALIFORNIA'S GOVERNOR. San Francisco, Sept. 8.—Governor Bartlett passed a restless night and much weaker and had every symp-tom that proclaimed sudden death. He was delirious from two o'clock until eight. Nourishment could only be administered with great difficulty. The symptoms were so alarming that Dr. Perry was sent for early

in the morning.

The following was issued at ten o'clock: There is no improvement. The governor has been conscious for the last quarter of an hour. He asked for Rev. Dr. McLean, who was mediately sent for.

FLATTERING DEMONSTRATIONS. Berlin, Sept. 8.—The German crown prince is welcomed everywhere on his journey to Tyrol. Greatest enthusiasm shown at Munich. The prince looked well, but was hoarse and seemed fatigued.

A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY. OTTAWA, Sept. 8.—E. R. Barpee and G. W. Moberly, members of the railroad commission, have gone to Chicago, St. Louis, and other west-ern cities to inquire into the work-ing of the interstate commerce act.

SABAH'S LITTLE ADV'T. London, Sept. 8.—Sarah Bernhardt has been on a pilgrimage to Lourdes and the Parisians are speculating as to whether she is to retire to a nun-

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Notice.

Sr. Johns, N. F., Sept. 8.—Reports daily arrive from all points of the country showing the gale of the 26th of August was one that will be long rembered for fearful loss of life and great extent of damage sustained from it. A vessel when

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